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JIM HALLISEY Treasurer Windsor (860) 285-1985 Dear Representative Flexer:

SARAH POUR Secretary Stamford (203) 977-4155 On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Community Development Association I wanted to express our support for your proposal to expand the use on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in Connecticut.

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Mechanisms like TIF can create viability and attract capital investment for projects that create tax base and economic growth. As another tool and financial leverage granted to municipalities TIF reduces short-term costs while insuring long term gains.

We wish you success with moving this thoughtful legislation through the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ivers CCDA President